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APPLICANT : VINCENT, STEPHEN C.
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TITLE : A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TANTALUM PENTOXIDE
MOISTURE BARRIER IN FILM RESISTORS

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Examiner : Easthom, Karl D.
Conf. No. : 8267
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Director for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Title

Please amend the title to: METHOD FOR TANTALUM PENTOXIDE-MOISTURE
BARRIER IN FILM RESISTORS.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 7-14 (Group II) without prejudice.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this document and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box No-Fee Amendment, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 17th day of February, 2002.

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